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LPG SHORTAGE IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of LPG supplied in West Bengal as compared to demand thereof during each of the last three years ;

(b) whether there is an acute shortage of LPG supply in West Bengal ;

(c) if so, the details alongwith the reasons therefor ; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : The total quantity of LPG supplied by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in West Bengal during the last three years is as under :-

Year	LPG (Metric Tonnes)
2001-02	384344.9
2002-03	422298.4
2003-04	458566.8

OMCs have not reported any shortage of LPG supply in West Bengal and say they are meeting the entire demand of LPG customers in full. They have further informed the Ministry that strict scheduling and monitoring of supplies is being done to check possible diversion of LPG to unauthorised uses.

The crackdown on the illegitimate diversion of domestic LPG to unauthorised uses is perhaps causing some disruption by unscrupulous elements but this problem is also being addressed.